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29th Annual Downtown Spring Parade Set for April 28

‘Surf’s Up!’ is the theme for this year’s Annual Downtown Spring Family Parade on Saturday, April 28 on Castro Street. The parade begins at 12:00 noon, rain or shine.

Stay after the parade and enjoy special activities in Pioneer Park, located directly behind City Hall at 500 Castro Street. You’ll find children’s activities, music, and food and entertainment.

Applications to participate in the parade are available at the Mountain View Community Center, 201 South Rengstorff Avenue, Monday through Friday, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or on the City’s web site at www.mountainview.gov. The deadline for applications is March 30, 2007.

For more information, contact the Recreation Division at (650) 903-6331. ●

Senior Center Design Wins Award

Mountain View’s new 25,000 square foot Senior Center has been selected as an Achievement Award winner in the “Facility Design–Community Centers/Facilities” category by the California Parks and Recreation Society.

The new Senior Center, located at 266 Escuela Avenue, opened last October. The lodge-style building features a lobby lounge with fireplace, a social hall that provides banquet-style seating for as many as 200 people, a full kitchen, game room, exercise room, computer room, and multipurpose rooms for classes and other activities.

The Senior Center is open from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Thursday and Friday.

For more information, visit the Senior Center or call (650) 903-6330. ●



Arbor Day Festivities Planned for March 10

Mountain View will celebrate Arbor Day on Saturday, March 10. Festivities will begin at 10:15 a.m. with a reading program at the Mountain View Public Library, then continue from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Pioneer Park, located between City Hall and the Mountain View Public Library.

Enjoy free activities, including children’s arts and crafts, face painting, a guided tree walk within Pioneer Park, a climbing demonstration by the City of Mountain View’s expert tree crew, and complimentary food and drink. Listen to the lively bluegrass music of ‘bout Time’ while browsing informational booths to learn more about trees, composting, recycling and more.

Bring your old mercury thermometers to the Santa Clara County Mercury Recycling Team’s booth and receive a new environmentally friendly thermometer to help preserve our environment.

Arbor Day will be celebrated rain or shine. For more information, contact the Forestry and Roadway Landscape Division at (650) 903-6273. ●

Graham Sports Complex Project Receives National Recognition

The Graham Sports Complex and reservoir project has been recognized as one of five outstanding City government projects in the nation by *American City and County Magazine*. The magazine lauded the project for the lasting impact it will have on residents, businesses and the environment.

The unique sports complex and reservoir project was a joint effort between the City of Mountain View and Mountain View-Whisman School District.

The new sports complex includes an all-weather regulation track and field, a soccer/football field, a soccer field, a baseball/softball field, basketball and volleyball courts, a rest room and equipment storage facilities. These facilities are located above a newly constructed 8-million gallon underground reservoir built by the City.

In exchange for the City building and maintaining the playing fields, the School District provided the location for the reservoir and will make the playing fields available for community use during non-school hours.

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The playfields are already in use by the school and community. The reservoir, potable water well and pump station are expected to begin service to the community this summer.

The project not only provides new and expanded reservoir capacity that will help the City to ensure that there is an adequate water supply to meet the community’s future water needs and to respond to major emergencies and natural disasters, but also significantly enhances sports facilities in the City.

For more information, call the Community Services Department at (650) 903-6331. ●

Residential Development Update

To address the community's current and future housing needs, the City is currently reviewing several applications for proposed new residential development projects.

Mayfield Site

A plan for the construction of as many as 519 residential units on the former Hewlett-Packard/Mayfield Mall site was submitted to the City in December. City staff is currently reviewing the master plan to ensure it conforms with the Mayfield Precise Plan and Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the project approved by the City Council in July 2006. The City Council is scheduled to review and discuss the plan sometime in the first quarter of 2007.

Evandale Avenue Condominiums

A 144-unit, three-story condominium project at 291 Evandale Avenue was approved by the City Council in December. The project is anticipated to be under construction by late 2007. Relocation assistance will be offered to current tenants of the existing apartment complex on the site.

South Whisman Area Master Plan

Last August, the City Council directed staff to begin drafting an EIR for the possible rezoning of industrial land in the South Whisman Area for residential uses. The first step in assessing the impact of such a development is a traffic study, scheduled to begin this spring.

Southbay Christian Center Redevelopment

A 58-unit residential subdivision at 1136 Miramonte Avenue, formerly the Southbay Christian Center, was approved by the City Council last November. The project will include both detached single family homes and row houses, with a common open space area. The developer plans on beginning construction by this summer.

Satake Nursery Redevelopment

The City Council approved the rezoning of the Satake Nursery site at 1079 Marilyn Drive in December to allow a single-family subdivision with no more than 30 new homes. The developer is expected to submit architectural plans for the project in early 2007.

For more information regarding any of these projects, contact the Community Development Department at (650) 903-6306. ●



Devonshire Park Opens

Mountain View celebrated the opening of Devonshire Park in the City’s Evandale neighborhood on January 6.

The 3/4-acre park features play structures, swing sets, picnic tables with benches, a lawn area, pathways and other amenities. The park was designed to retain the mature trees already on the property.

Input from residents gathered during two City-sponsored community workshops was incorporated into the new park’s design and amenities.

Contact the Community Services Department at (650) 903-6331 for more information regarding Devonshire Park. ●

Sierra Vista Avenue Mini-Park

Work continues on the design for a new 0.8-acre mini-park on a City-owned parcel on Sierra Vista Avenue. The City has held one neighborhood workshop so far to solicit residents’ ideas about desired design features for the new park. The public will have additional opportunities to comment on the park’s design this spring as conceptual designs for the park are further developed and presented. For more information about the Sierra Vista Avenue Mini-Park project, contact the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311.

New Family Rental Affordable Housing Development Planned

In November, the City Council selected a City-owned downtown property located at the southeast corner of West Evelyn Avenue and Franklin Street as the site for a new family rental affordable housing development. The zoning on the 1.03 acre property allows for approximately 50 units on the site. Construction of the housing will further the City’s affordable housing goals.

In early 2007, the City will issue a Request for Proposals to find a developer to construct, maintain, and manage the development. The Council has indicated it would like to lease the City-owned land, rather than sell the property, so the City can retain ongoing oversight of the property. The City is anticipated to make approximately \$7 million in affordable housing funds available for this development.

Future public hearings and community meetings will be held on key decisions concerning this development, including the type and amount of City funding, selection of a developer, and the project design.

To be notified of upcoming events related to the new development, contact Dennis Drennan, Real Property Program Administrator, at (650) 903-6633, or e-mail dennis.drennan@mountainview.gov. ●

MOUNTAIN VIEW CITYGRAM

How are we doing? Feedback from you is very important to us. Curious about a City service or program? Have an idea you'd like to share? Know a City employee who did a particularly good job? The City Manager's Office would like to hear from you. Send your remarks on a Citygram and you will receive a prompt response from the appropriate City department.

Thank you for your comments.

Send your comments to the Mountain View City Manager's Office, P.O. Box 7540, Mountain View, CA 94039

NAME	DATE
ADDRESS	ZIP CODE
DAYTIME PHONE	EMAIL ADDRESS

I WOULD LIKE A REPLY: ☐ by telephone ☐ by mail ☐ by email ☐ no reply necessary

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City Mission Statement
The City of Mountain View provides quality services and facilities that meet the needs of a caring and diverse community in a financially responsible manner.

Preferred Design/Use Concept Selected for Cuesta Annex Site

A future Cuesta Park Annex site design that provides for a mix of cultural, agricultural and passive uses was selected as the City Council's preferred use concept at the Council's November 14, 2006 meeting.

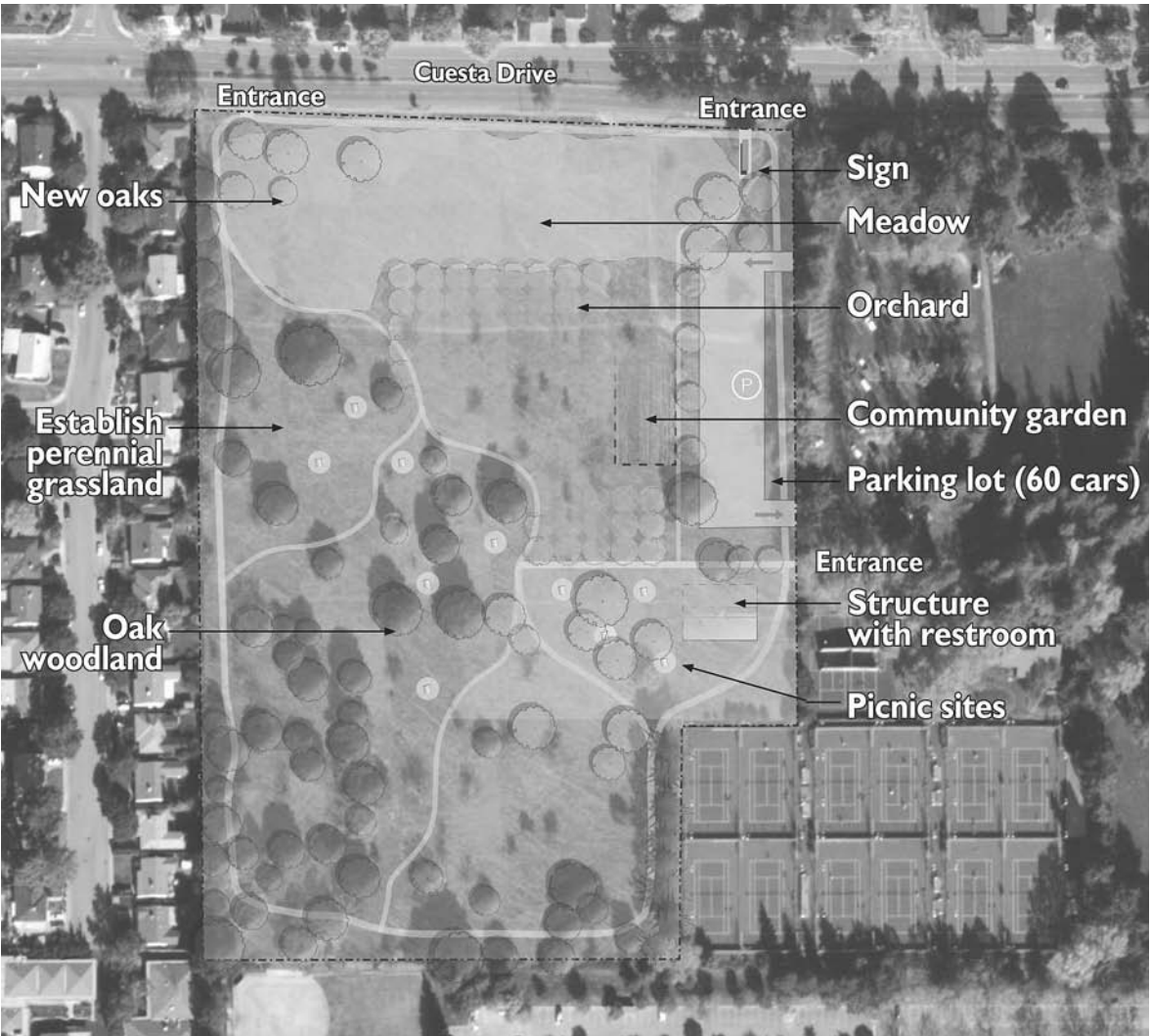
The Council's selection of the Cultural, Agricultural and Passive Uses concept as the preferred design/use concept for the Cuesta Park Annex site capped off an almost year-long master planning process. The process was designed to encourage broad community involvement and input into all phases of the master planning effort.

More than 70 people attended each of the two workshops held this summer to provide community members with an opportunity to brainstorm, discuss and refine design and use concepts for the site.

In approving the Cultural, Agricultural and Passive Uses concept as the preferred design/use concept for the Annex site, the Council noted that several details would need to be addressed when a more site-specific design for the site is developed in the future, including:

- The type of turf that will be used in the meadow area of the site and what activities might be appropriately accommodated on the turf area (e.g., informal play, informal sports activities, etc.).
- The size of the orchard.
- Whether a community garden element will be included.

Additional information regarding the Cuesta Park Annex master planning process and its results can be obtained by contacting the City Manager's Office at (650) 903-6301. ●



New Downtown Parking Structure to Open This Spring

A new parking structure at the northeast corner of California and Bryant Streets in the City's downtown is scheduled to open this spring.

The four-story, five-level structure includes approximately 400 parking spaces. The structure also includes solar panels on a roof-top carport structure that will provide electricity to operate the building's lights and elevators as well as shade for parked vehicles.

A Longs Drugs will be located in the structure's first floor retail space. The store is expected to open sometime this fall.

For more information regarding the parking structure, call the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311. Visit the City's website at www.mountainview.gov for information regarding the dedication ceremony. ●



FY 2007-08 Budget Process Underway

The City began work on the Fiscal Year (FY) 2007-08 budget in December. The budget process will continue with public meetings throughout the spring. The City Council will consider the FY 2007-08 proposed budget at a public hearing scheduled for June 5. The final FY 2007-08 budget is scheduled to be presented to the City Council for adoption on June 12.

After several years of significant budget challenges, the financial health of the Mountain View began to show signs of improvement during the past fiscal year. Despite this good news, the City remains committed to carefully managing its expenditures and revenues so that the FY 2007-08 budget as well as future budgets will be balanced while also meeting the most important program and service needs of the community.

For more information regarding the City of Mountain View's budget development process or upcoming budget hearings, call the Finance and Administrative Services Department at (650) 903-6316 or visit the City's website at www.mountainview.gov.

It Pays To Shop Mountain View

Did you know that every time you shop at stores or eat at restaurants in Mountain View, the City receives 1% of the 8.25% sales tax that is collected. (The State and other agencies receive the other 7.25%.) Although this percentage may seem small, sales tax revenue quickly adds up for the City. Sales and hotel tax revenues account for approximately 25% of the revenue used by the City's General Operating Fund.

The General Operating Fund supports the majority of the basic services and programs local residents and businesses rely on, including police and fire services, recreation and parks services and library services.

So, remember, every time you shop locally or dine out on Castro Street, you help support and maintain the quality of City services Mountain View residents have come to expect from the City, and that make Mountain View such a desirable place to live. ●



Connecting with your community

VOLUNTEER SERVICES PROGRAM

The City of Mountain View's Volunteer Services Program gives you the opportunity to turn your special talents and abilities into positive action. For more information, call Rae Blasquez, Coordinator of Volunteer Services, at (650) 903-6607 or visit www.mountainview.gov to download a volunteer application.

Senior Services

Assisting Seniors in the Arts Program (ASAP)

—Provide transportation for Mountain View seniors so that they can attend theater events at the Mountain View Center for Performing Arts. Tickets will be given to the volunteer driver and senior participant. Training is required. Call (650) 903-6448 or e-mail SeniorCenter@mountainview.gov.

Computer Lab—Help monitor and supervise the drop-in program at the Mountain View Senior Center's Technology Center. Volunteers will be placed on a regular schedule with commitment of working once a week for one to two hours. Call Lauren Merriman at (650) 903-6330 or e-mail lauren.merriman@mountainview.gov.

Receptionists/Substitutes—Friendly volunteers are needed to assist with telephones and information requests at the Senior Center's front counter. Call (650) 903-6330 or e-mail the Center at SeniorCenter@mountainview.gov.

Mountain View Public Library

Children's Services—Assist with sorting and shelving books, videos, CDs, cassettes, and books on tape and other tasks. Volunteers should be detail-oriented, able to focus in a busy environment and at least 13 years of age. Call Maynard Martinez at (650) 526-7043 or e-mail maynard.martinez@mountainview.gov.

Circulation Services—Volunteers are needed to assist with several circulation-related activities.

Media Specialists are needed to assist with sorting and shelving of various media items in the Adult Media section, including CDs and DVDs. Hours are flexible. **Reserves Handlers** are needed to help with sorting and shelving special request materials.

Book Sorters are needed to assist with sorting and preparing books to be shelved in alphabetical and Dewey Decimal order. A **Brochure Manager** is needed to help organize the informational pamphlets distributed at the Library by various organizations and community groups. **Book Menders** are needed to clean and repair Library materials. Hours are flexible and training is provided. For more information on any of these positions, contact Maynard Martinez at (650) 526-7043 or e-mail maynard.martinez@mountainview.gov.

Center for Performing Arts

Ushers—Assist patrons at scheduled performances. The next usher training will be held Monday, March 5 and Monday, March 12, from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. at the Center. No pre-registration required. Volunteers must attend both sessions. For more information, contact Jennifer Stokely at (650) 903-6568 or e-mail jennifer@mvcpa.com.

Office Assistants—Volunteers must be willing to work 10 hours a week and have skills in word-processing, spreadsheet manipulation, data entry, filing and general office duties. Work hours are flexible but regular. Contact Jennifer Stokely at (650) 903-6568 or e-mail jennifer@mvcpa.com.

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Calendar of Events

March

- 1 **Human Relations Commission**, 6:30 p.m., PCR
- 6 **City Council**, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 7 **Environmental Planning Commission**, 7:00 p.m., CC
- 10 **Arbor Day Celebration**, Festivities begin at 10:15 a.m. at the Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin Street and continue from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Pioneer Park directly behind the Library
- 14 **Visual Arts Committee**, 6:00 p.m., ACR
- Parks and Recreation Commission**, 7:00 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 17 **Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off** in Sunnyvale. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- Home Composting Workshop**, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Mountain View Community Center, 201 South Rengstorff Avenue. Call (408) 918-4640 to register.
- 19 **Library Board**, 7:30 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 21 **Environmental Planning Commission**, 7:00 p.m., CC
- Performing Arts Advisory Committee**, 7:00 pm, location TBA
- 24 **Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off** in San Jose. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 27 **City Council**, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 28 **Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee**, 6:30 p.m., PCR
- 30 **29th Annual Downtown Spring Family Parade application deadline**. See story on Page 1.



April

- 4 **Environmental Planning Commission**, 7:00 p.m., CC
- 5 **Human Relations Commission**, 6:30 p.m., PCR
- 10 **City Council**, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 11 **Visual Arts Committee**, 6:00 p.m., ACR
- Parks and Recreation Commission**, 7:00 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 16 **Library Board**, 7:30 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 18 **Environmental Planning Commission**, 7:00 p.m., CC
- Performing Arts Advisory Committee**, 7:00 pm, location TBA
- 21 **Home Composting Workshop**, 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon, Mountain View Community Center, 201 South Rengstorff Avenue. Call (408) 918-4640 to register.
- Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off** in Sunnyvale. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 22 **Earth Day**, see the enclosed *Resource* newsletter for more information.



- 23 **City-Wide Garage Sale and Community Yard Sale registration deadline**. See story on page 7.
- 24 **City Council**, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 25 **Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee**, 6:30 p.m., PCR



Devonshire Park

- 28 **29th Annual Downtown Spring Parade**, 12:00 noon, Castro Street. A celebration in Pioneer Park follows the parade.

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in Santa Clara. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.

May

- 2 **Environmental Planning Commission**, 7:00 p.m., CC
- 3 **Human Relations Commission**, 6:30 p.m., PCR
- 8 **City Council**, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 9 **Visual Arts Committee**, 6:00 p.m., ACR
- Parks and Recreation Commission**, 7:00 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 12 **Community Yard Sale**, Rengstorff Park, 201 South Rengstorff Avenue, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- City-Wide Garage Sale**, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off** in San Jose. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 16 **Environmental Planning Commission**, 7:00 p.m., CC
- Performing Arts Advisory Committee**, 7:00 pm, location TBA
- 19 **Home Composting Workshop**, 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon, Mountain View Community Center, 201 South Rengstorff Avenue. Call (408) 918-4640 to register.
- Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off** in Sunnyvale. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 21 **Library Board**, 7:30 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 22 **City Council**, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 28 **Memorial Day holiday**. City offices closed.
- 30 **Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee**, 6:30 p.m., PCR

June

- 5 **Public Hearing on FY 2007-08 Proposed Budget**, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 6 **Environmental Planning Commission**, 7:00 p.m., CC
- 7 **Human Relations Commission**, 6:30 p.m., PCR
- 12 **City Council and FY 2007-08 Budget Adoption**, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 13 **Library Family Picnic**, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Pioneer Park behind the Library, 585 Franklin Street
- Visual Arts Committee**, 6:00 p.m., ACR
- Parks and Recreation Commission**, 7:00 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 16 **Home Composting Workshop**, 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon, Mountain View Community Center, 201 South Rengstorff Avenue. Call (408) 918-4640 to register.
- 18 **Library Board**, 7:30 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 20 **Environmental Planning Commission**, 7:00 p.m., CC
- Performing Arts Advisory Committee**, 7:00 pm, location TBA
- 26 **City Council**, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 27 **Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee**, 6:30 p.m., PCR

July

- 4 **Independence Day holiday**. City offices closed.
- 5 **Human Relations Commission**, 6:30 p.m., PCR
- 10 **City Council**, 6:30 p.m., CC





- 11
- Visual Arts Committee**, 6:00 p.m., ACR
- Parks and Recreation Commission**, 7:00 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
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- Library Board**, 7:30 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
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- Environmental Planning Commission**, 7:00 p.m., CC
- Performing Arts Advisory Committee**, 7:00 pm, location TBA
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- Home Composting Workshop**, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Mountain View Community Center, 201 South Rengstorff Avenue. Call (408) 918-4640 to register.

August

- 1
- Environmental Planning Commission**, 7:00 p.m., CC
- 8
- Visual Arts Committee**, 6:00 p.m., ACR
- Parks and Recreation Commission**, 7:00 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 15
- Environmental Planning Commission**, 7:00 p.m., CC
- Performing Arts Advisory Committee**, 7:00 pm, location TBA
- 18
- Home Composting Workshop**, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Mountain View Community Center, 201 South Rengstorff Avenue. Call (408) 918-4640 to register.
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- Library Board**, 7:30 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
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- City Council**, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 29
- Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee**, 6:30 p.m., PCR

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- CC
- Council Chambers**, City Hall
- PCR
- Plaza Conference Room**, City Hall
- ACR
- Atrium Conference Room**, City Hall

All dates are subject to change. Contact the City Clerk's Office at 903-6304 to confirm dates and times.



Free Children’s Theater in the Park

Peninsula Youth Theatre (PYT), in partnership with the City of Mountain View, will present free children’s theater productions this summer at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro Street.

See fairy tales and other children’s stories each Friday evening at 6:30 pm from June 29 through August 17. Each week features a different 30- to 45-minute production. Bring the kids, a picnic dinner and a blanket to sit on at the Center’s outdoor ParkStage, located adjacent to Pioneer Park.

- June 29–The Emperor’s New Clothes
- July 6–Henny Penny
- July 13–The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe
- July 20–Peter Pan
- July 27–Cinderella
- August 3–Rapunzel
- August 10–The Wish Peddler
- August 17–Fantastic Mr. Fox

Performers are students (ages 6 -13) enrolled in PYT’s popular Children’s Theater in the Park summer drama camps. Check the enclosed guide to spring/summer recreation classes for information on how to register your child for a camp.

For more information, call the Center for the Performing Arts at 650-903-6000 or visit *mvcpa.com*. ●



Free Summer Programs at the Library

The Mountain View Library will offer a wide array of summer programs for young people of all ages and their families this summer. The programs are available free-of-charge to the public and will run from mid-June until mid-August.

Annual Family Picnic June 13

The fun begins Wednesday, June 13th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in Pioneer Park, located directly behind the Library. The Friends of the Library sweeten the evening with cake for dessert followed by a magic performance and program sign-ups.



‘Get a Clue’ Reading Program for Children

Have a mysterious summer with the children’s summer reading program featuring the artwork of Mark Teague, popular author/illustrator of Detective Larue. Sign ups begin Monday, June 11. Awards program on Monday, August 10.

‘You Never Know’ Reading Program for Teens

‘Ynk@your library’ is the title of the reading program designed for junior and high school students. The program was created by Russell Walks. Sign ups begin Monday, June 11. Awards program on Monday, August 10.

Preschool Drop-in Programs

A series of musical story-times for preschoolers will be offered on Tuesday mornings in July.

Ages 5-12

Thursday afternoon programs will include the return of the Happy Birds parrot show, Mad Science, Bubble Magic and other animal, puppet and story programs.

Grades 3 and Up

Librology, an original Mountain View reading and research game will be played during the month of July.

Teen Programs

Watch the Library’s website this spring for details about special summer activities for teens.

Family Programs

Reading Families, a program for preschoolers who listen to stories, as well as their parents and siblings, will also be offered this summer.

For a detailed schedule of summer Library activities, visit the Library’s website at *http://library.ci.mtnview.ca.us* after May 1 or call Children’s Services at (650) 903-6897. ●

VOLUNTEER SERVICES PROGRAM

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Police Department

Field Assistants–The Mountain View Police Department is accepting applications for the newly formed Field Assistant Volunteer Program. Program volunteers will wear a Department uniform, operate marked Department vehicles while providing assistance in a wide variety of Department functions. An extensive background investigation is required. Call Volunteer Program Assistant Coordinator Don Palermo at (650) 903-6749 or e-mail *pdvolunteers@mountainview.gov*.

Fire Department

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)–Assist with coordinating and conducting CERT training for the community. Assistance is also needed with creating new display boards and organizing public education materials and special projects. Call the Volunteer Office at (650) 903-6607.

Shoreline at Mountain View

A wide variety of volunteer opportunities are available. **Patrol Rangers** assist Shoreline at Mountain View and Stevens Creek Trail users by providing information regarding routes and park policies and by keeping trails free of litter. **Gatehouse Greeters** greet visitors, monitor activities and educate the public about Shoreline policies. Three-hour shifts are available any day of the week. **Rengstorff House Docents** guide tours explaining the history and architecture of the historic Rengstorff House. Volunteers may wear period attire. The Rengstorff House is open on Sundays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Garden Docent volunteers are also needed to work in the Rengstorff House’s garden area. For more information on any of the positions listed above, contact Kristina Rockhold at (650) 903-6073 or *kristina.rockhold@mountainview.gov*.

City Clerk's Office

Office Assistant–Distribute Council packets, prepare mail and assist with general office support functions. Computer experience is required. Call the Volunteer Office at (650) 903-6607.

Upcoming Opportunities

Spring Downtown Parade–Special Event–Volunteer to help at the 29th Annual Downtown Parade on Saturday, April 28th. Assist with set up, decorations, face painting, game booths or work as a block monitor. Call the Volunteer Office at (650) 903-6607.

Summer Youth Programs–Leader in Training–Volunteers between the ages of 13 and 15 are encouraged to apply for the Leader in Training (LIT) program and assist Recreation Leaders with summer day camps and help lead games, sports, crafts, and field trips. Contact Cynthia Spinella at (650) 903-6410 or e-mail *cynthia.spinella@mountainview.gov*.

Summer Youth Programs–Aquatic Leader in Training–Volunteers between the ages of 13 and 15 are invited to apply for the Aquatic Leader in Training (ALIT) program and assist Aquatic staff with swim lessons and customer service. Orientation is Wednesday, June 13. Contact Allie Peterson at (650) 903-6405 or e-mail *Allison.Peterson@mountainview.gov*.

Deer Hollow Farm School Year–Teaching Docents–Teach elementary school children about the Deer Hollow farm, garden, and wilderness preserve. Classes are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings from September through May. No experience necessary. Training will be held on September 18 to 20 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Call (650) 903-6430 or e-mail *dhfarms@mountainview.gov*.

THESE ARE JUST A FEW WAYS THAT YOU CAN GET INVOLVED. IF YOU HAVE AN IDEA, OR SPECIAL SKILL OR TALENT TO OFFER, OR WANT TO JOIN OUR TEAM, PLEASE CALL THE VOLUNTEER SERVICES OFFICE TODAY AT (650) 903-6607.

Keeping Our Community Safe and Prepared

The View continues its series of articles to help keep the community safe and prepared for emergencies and natural disasters. This issue of The View focuses on preparing for earthquakes.

Be Smart: Prepare for an Earthquake Now

Use this three-step approach to prepare your home and family for an earthquake.



1) Survey your Home for Hazards

- Move beds away from windows to avoid the risk of falling glass.
- Move mirrors and heavy pictures away from couches or other places where people sit.
- Strap down your water heater and fit all gas appliances with a flexible supply line.
- Secure pictures and wall hangings and use restraints to fasten bookcases, file cabinets, and other tall furniture to the wall.

2) Build a Kit

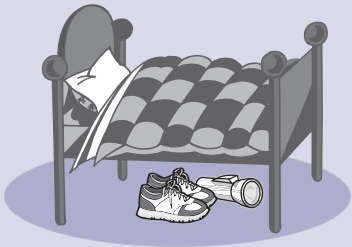
Put together a cache of supplies sufficient to last at least 72 hours. Place the items in a watertight container.

- Water—one gallon per person per day.
- Food—ready to eat or requiring minimal preparation.
- Battery operated radio to obtain news updates.
- Flashlight with extra batteries.
- Personal hygiene items such as toilet paper and hand sanitizer.
- Sleeping bags or blankets.
- Plastic garbage bags and a plastic bucket for waste and sanitation.

3) Develop a Plan

Talk with your family members about what to do in the event of a disaster.

- Make sure that everyone knows the location and contents of your emergency supply kit.
- Place a flashlight and a pair of shoes under everyone’s bed in case an earthquake occurs during the night.



- Establish a meeting place after the earthquake in case your home is not safe.
- Establish an out-of-state contact who each family member can call after the earthquake.
- Locate the gas, electric, and water shutoffs and make sure that family members know how to shut them off if necessary.

For more preparedness information, or to enroll in the Mountain View Fire Department’s Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training program, call (650) 903-6365 or visit the City’s website at www.ci.mtnview.ca.us. ●



Rent the Historic Adobe Building for Your Next Event

The historic Adobe Building, located on the corner of Central Expressway and Moffett Boulevard, is available to rent for a variety of events including company parties, weddings, and corporate meetings. The building was constructed in 1934 and renovated by the City in 2001 to provide modern facilities, while preserving the historic character of the building.

The restored Adobe Building offers a great room that can accommodate 100 for indoor dining and a beautiful adjacent garden area that compliments the setting. The interior of the great room has been restored to its original design with high open-trusses, hand-hewn lumber and wrought iron detail. A built-in sound system, wood burning fireplace and full catering kitchen are also available.

To make an appointment to tour the Adobe Building, or to make a reservation, call (650) 903-6407. ●

Stevens Creek Trail Update

Construction has begun on the next reach of Stevens Creek Trail from Yuba Drive to the south side of El Camino Real. This trail extension includes the construction of a pedestrian/bicycle tunnel under El Camino Real near the intersection of El Camino Real and Highway 85, as well as an improved trailhead at Yuba Drive.

The Stevens Creek Trail is a bike and pedestrian path that runs along Stevens Creek in Mountain View and is part of a larger network of trails throughout the Bay Area. When finished, the trail in Mountain View will stretch from Mountain View High School to the Bay.



Construction work began with the relocation of a water line along El Camino Real. Work on the tunnel will follow next. The construction will require the removal of the El Camino median, the closure of two lanes and the re-routing of traffic around the work. The work will reduce El Camino Real to two lanes of through-traffic in each direction for approximately nine months. Construction will take approximately one year to complete.

For more information, call the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311. ●

Shoreline Amphitheatre Resident Ticket Policy

Mountain View residents may purchase tickets for most events at Shoreline Amphitheatre two days in advance of the general public.

To participate in the program, residents must first obtain a Resident Identification Card from the Shoreline Amphitheatre Box Office. Resident Identification Cards will be issued at the Amphitheatre Box Office starting in mid-April.

A full description of the resident ticket program, along with its requirements and restrictions, may be obtained at the Shoreline Amphitheatre Box Office.

Call the Shoreline Box Office at (650) 967-4040 for more information. ●

City Names New Fire Chief



Michael Young was appointed Mountain View’s new Fire Chief in December. Young is a 30-year veteran of the fire service and has worked in the Mountain View Fire Department for more than 19 years.

Prior to his appointment to Fire Chief, Young served as a Battalion Chief in the Mountain View Fire Department. Prior to his service in Mountain View, Chief Young was first a Captain and then a Battalion Chief, serving as Fire Marshal, for the City of Campbell. Young began his fire service career as a Firefighter for the City of Santa Cruz.

The new Fire Chief holds a B.A. in Management and an A.S. in Fire Science. Young has taught fire science and emergency response at Cabrillo and Mission Colleges, in addition to having published several articles for professional journals. ●

Police Department Debuts New Mounted Patrol Unit

The Mountain View Police Department debuted its new Mounted Patrol Unit in December. The purpose of the Mounted Patrol is to create a visible, approachable, and friendly Police presence at public gatherings.

The Unit is currently staffed with three Police Officers and three horses. The Officers and horses have all received special training and will be used at festivals, community events and City parks.

The horses are owned and maintained by the Officers, with support from private donations. The program is operated without a significant impact to the Police Department’s or City’s budget.

For more information about the Mounted Patrol, contact Lieutenant Max Bosel at (650) 903-6377. ●

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City Clerk’s Office	903-6304
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Building Division	903-6313
Current/Advance Planning	903-6306
Economic Development	903-6306
Neighborhood Preservation	903-6379
Community Services Department	903-6331
Forestry and Roadway Landscape	903-6273
Parks and Open Space	903-6326
Center for the Performing Arts	903-6565
Recreation	903-6331
Shoreline	903-6392
Shoreline Golf Links	903-6178
Employee Services Department	903-6309
Finance and Administrative Services Department	903-6316
Administrative Services	903-6324
Finance	903-6316
Fire Department	903-6365
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City-Wide Garage and Community Yard Sale Events Scheduled for May 12

Don’t miss the opportunity to shop for or sell used items at two events on Saturday, May 12. The registration deadline for both events is Monday, April 23. Registration forms are available at the Mountain View Community Center, 201 South Rengstorff Avenue, in the Public Works Department at City Hall, 500 Castro Street, and online at www.mvrecycle.org.

City-wide Garage Sale

Hold a garage sale at your home as part of a City-wide event on Saturday, May 12 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Maps of participating homes will be available for shoppers at local coffee houses and in the Mountain View Voice on Friday, May 11. For more information, call (650) 903-6227.

Community Yard Sale at Rengstorff Park

Join friends and neighbors in Rengstorff Park on Saturday, May 12 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for hot bargains and good food. For more information, call (650) 903-6227.

